

Remarks

This is a supplemental response to the final Office Action mailed September 24, 2009.

Claims 35-38, 50, 55-58, 61, 63 and 81-88 are currently pending in this application, and incorporate the amendments submitted with the Response filed on November 24, 2009. Claims 38 and 61 are amended. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, for example at Paragraph 35 of the application as filed and in the claims as originally filed. New claims 81-88 have been added. These new claims recite subject matter included in previously-withdrawn claims and as such are supported by at least the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1-34, 39-49, 51-54, 59-60, 62 and 64-80 have been cancelled. The amendments and claim cancellations are made solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution and are without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the unclaimed subject matter in the future, for example in a continuing application.

The specification is also amended to remove any reference to Figures 12-15. Figures 1-11 are included in the application. The specification amendments also correct two errors that were introduced in the pre-grant publication of this application. Specifically, in paragraph 140 a "2" that should have been in subscript was included in normal font, and a " β " symbol was erroneously replaced with an " α ." Both errors are noted and rectified in the specification amendments in this paper.

Claim Amendments

In this paper, Applicants amend claims 38 and 61. During a conversation with Applicants' representative on December 9,

2009, the Examiner stated that these amendments would place the claims in condition for allowance. These amendments are made without prejudice, and Applicants reserve the right to pursue the unclaimed subject matter in the future, for example in a continuing application.

New claims 81-88 incorporate the subject matter of previously-withdrawn claims, as noted in the following table.

<u>Previously-Withdrawn Claim</u>	<u>Corresponding New Claim</u>
53	81
54	82
59	83
60	84
62	85
65	86
66	87
67	88

During the December 9, 2009 conversation with Applicants' representative, the Examiner stated that these claims were eligible for rejoinder. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these claimed be rejoined as set forth in MPEP 821.04.

In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit that the application is in conditions for allowance.

Applicants have amended the claims of this application so that they are proper, definite and define novel and nonobvious structure. If for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P § 2173.02 and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable

condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

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